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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 7/4/60

WEATHER Moderate to heavy rains fell over the northern half of the State early in the week, but in the south the rainfall varied from none to moderate. The week was cool over the northeastern half of the State and seasonably warm in the southwestern half. Hot weather prevailed on June 28th, and again during the first two days of July, but it was rather cool at other times.

CROPS Crops made good progress throughout the State last week. Hailstorms caused light to severe local damage in the central and western sections, and wet fields hampered field work in areas getting moisture.

Corn and milo made good to excellent progress although the stage of growth varies considerably. Stands of corn are spotted in some areas where heavy rains, floods and standing water caused damage. Many early planted fields, however, are well advance and growing vigorously. Temperatures have been a little too cool for maximum development in some areas and plants lack proper color. Weeds are a problem in wet fields, but growers were catching up rapidly in cultivating, spraying and fertilizing row crops.

A few fields of winter wheat were harvested last week. About three-fourths of the crop was in the stage of turning ripe. Only about 5 percent was rated mature. Combining should be fairly general in the southern sections within the coming week. Stem rust is prevalent in most wheat areas, with rather severe infestation in some southeastern counties. Some late wheat fields will be damaged by rust, but much of the crop is expected to escape serious damage.

Oats and barley continue promising. About half of the oats crop is turning ripe. Winter barley harvest is fairly general with good yields reported for fields escaping winter damage.

Alfalfa is making splendid progress. The first cutting is about finished and a little over 10 percent of the second cutting is completed. Wild hay harvest has started in some areas, but the main harvest is expected to be somewhat later than usual. Pastures have made outstanding growth this year.

LIVESTOCK Abundant feed and favorable temperatures kept livestock in thriving condition. Gains and production rates continue well above average.

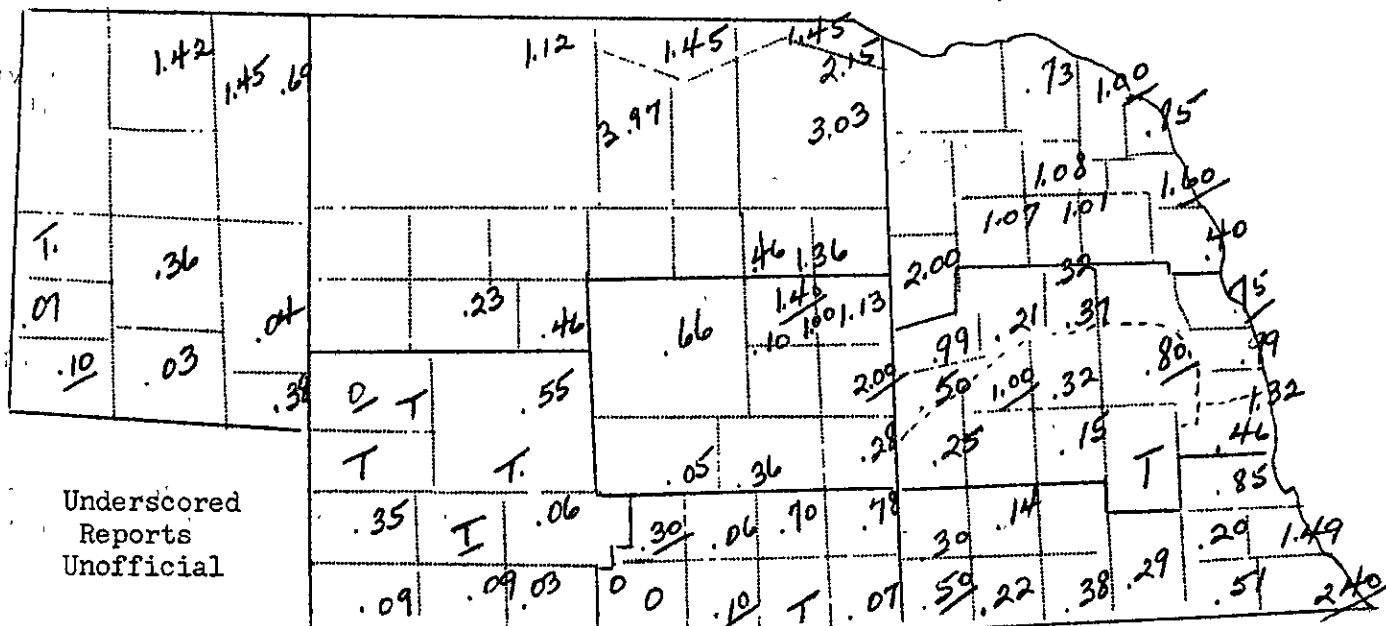
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 4, 1960

	<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>				<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.34	Burwell	--	Chadron			.52	
Lincoln	T	North Platte	.76	Imperial			1.27	
Norfolk	.64	Valentine	.20	Scottsbluff			.10	
Omaha	.99			Sidney			.28	
Sioux City	.85							

Precipitation, April 1 - July 1, 1960

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	0.38	1.09	.95	.54	.59	.14	.26	.33
Total since April 1	6.62	10.93	13.11	12.05	13.25	7.95	14.10	12.09
Long-time Avg. since April 1	7.77	8.93	10.26	9.66	10.65	8.17	9.68	11.67

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 1, 1960



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		June						July							
		28th		29th		30th		1st		2nd		3rd		4th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	86	62	89	62	86	57	78	61	97	61	86	54	73	52
	Scottsbluff	86	57	90	66	83	60	78	57	98	61	88	63	77	54
	Sidney	85	64	88	60	82	59	77	55	94	65	89	57	75	51
NC	Valentine	82	58	87	56	86	60	66	55	87	68	86	53	78	57
NE	Norfolk	78	65	84	65	80	63	69	52	79	67	88	61	77	62
	Sioux City	83	64	84	64	79	62	72	53	80	66	89	59	77	57
CEN	Grand Island	83	65	88	68	88	64	74	59	81	67	92	67	77	60
	Lincoln	86	70	93	67	89	67	75	61	79	69	99	69	80	61
	Omaha	79	69	88	65	86	64	69	56	77	67	91	62	76	60
SW	Imperial	85	62	89	59	85	58	77	55	90	62	92	61	79	57
	North Platte	79	60	88	61	82	60	75	58	86	65	88	62	75	61

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